



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Zebunnissa Ramtoola et al.

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Examiner: Humera N. Sheikh

Title: GASTRO-RETENTIVE LEVODOPA DELIVERY FORM

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed January 12, 2007, in which the Examiner required restriction between four groups of claims:


- (I) claims 1-12, drawn to a gastro-retentive dosage form of levodopa;
- (II) claims 13-26, drawn to a method of making a gastro-retentive dosage form of levodopa;
- (III) claim 27, drawn to a method of treating a patient; and
- (IV) claim 28, drawn to an article of manufacture.

In response, applicants elect Group 1, claims 1-12, without traverse. Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 USC § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this communication, or would like to discuss the application, the art, or other pertinent matters, he is welcome to contact the undersigned attorney at (650) 251-7700.

Respectfully submitted,

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